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We too need a break, demand health staff

Seven-day work *diktat* riles up Health Department employees

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (SSV)- Instructions from the Centre to vaccinate people above 45 years of age on all days and cancelling all Government holidays of the current month has not gone well with healthcare workers. They contended that they too need a day's break to spend time with their family and to rewind from the hectic and tiring vaccination schedule.

"We are also human beings and we too have families. Public holidays are used for fumigation

and cleaning of medical equipment. Without fumigation how can it be used," questioned a healthcare worker on condition of anonymity.

He pointed out that healthcare workers have been working day and night ever since the outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. Their responsibility increased after vaccination drive for healthcare workers, frontline workers, people above 60 years of age and persons over 45 years with comorbidities and now for citizens above 45 years of age, was launched. "We have reached saturation level and cannot think of working without a break."

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To Our Readers

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Music Concerts at Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha on Apr. 3, 4

Dr. Madhuvanti Vighnaraja

Shruti Bode

Mysuru, Apr. 2 - Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha has organised two music concerts selected from *Nadakishorotsava* winners of previous years at its premises on JLB Road in city on Apr. 3 and 4 at 6 pm.

Apr. 3: M.H. Raja Rao Memorial Concert - **Dr. M.A. Madhuvanti Vighnaraja** will present a Karnatak vocal concert. She will be accompanied by **Krithik Kaushik** on violin, **Mysore L. Vadiraj** on mridanga and **S. Manjunath** on ghata.

Apr. 4: Nadakishora Awardee Concert by **Shruti Bode,** accompanied by **Bhimashankar Bidanur** - tabla and **Deepak Nagannavar** - harmonium.

18th Anniversary of Sri Sharada Gaana Kala Mandira tomorrow

Mysuru, Apr. 2- The 18th Anniversary of Sri Sharada Gaana Kala Mandira, Music and Veena Institution located at Ramakrishnanagar in city, will be held on Apr. 3 at Ganabharathi (Veene Seshanna Bhavana) on Adichunchanagiri Road.

Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Director, VPAC, Mysuru, will be inaugurating the programme at 9.15 am. Founder of Sri Sharada Gaana Kala Mandira Vidushi B.V. Vasanthalakshmi will preside over the function.

Vid. R.S. Nandakumar, Karnatak Music, Vid. R.K. Padmanabha, Veena, Vid. H.P. Upadhyay, Flute, Vid. C.S. Nagaratnamma, Violin, Vid. V.S. Ramesh, Mridanga, Vid. Dr. H.K. Sheela Sridhar, Bharatanatyam and T.S. Venkataram Kashyap, Journalist, will be the guests of honour.

Colourful events begin from 9.15 am followed by Pancharatna Kritis Goshti Gayana, according to a press release from B.V. Vasanthalakshmi, Founder, Sri Sharada Gaana Kala Mandira, Nanjangud and Mysuru.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

India's founding fathers opted to have a simple standard to define the fundamental right to equality. The Constitution didn't provide for special dispensations. This state of affairs didn't last long. Among the first Constitutional amendments was one that created a special dispensation for socially and educationally backward classes, to provide for reservation in education and jobs. Since then the ambit of reservation has steadily expanded. A Supreme Court Bench is once again hearing a similar case.

Expanding reservations have only led to a hardening of narrow group identities. Electoral power politics has often led to numerically dominant groups gaining at the expense of others in the reservation sweepstakes. Another fallout is the discouragement of individual initiative. Group identity is becoming more important than an individual's pursuit of excellence in deciding career trajectories. India's reservation policy no longer adheres to the spirit of the fundamental right to equality, as it exists in the Constitution. If political parties are too craven to halt this populist lurch, it behoves Supreme Court to provide them some cover and uphold the Constitution's spirit. — *In The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Brain condition makes bear cubs friendly

California: A number of black bear cubs in California have been exhibiting unusually friendly, dog-like behaviour around humans and scientists believe a brain illness may be to blame.

Last month, California Department of Fish and Wildlife picked up a bear cub from a residential backyard. The animal had simply moved in there and didn't seem to be intimidated by people at all. This was not normal behaviour for a brown bear cub, but the most concerning thing was that veterinarians in California had seen it before...

Tests showed that the bears that displayed this unusually friendly attitude behaviour around humans all suffered from encephalitis, or inflammation in the brain. However, no one knows what is causing the encephalitis.

Fish mimics dead leaf to catch unsuspecting prey

Bolivia: The South American Leaf Fish is a remarkable predator that relies on almost perfect camouflage and patience to both ambush unsuspecting prey, and escape larger predators.

Native to the Amazon basin in Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Peru and Venezuela, the aptly-named leaf fish does a great job of imitating a dead leaf floating near the bottom of the river. Not only has it evolved to resemble a dead leaf almost perfectly, down to tiny details like the filament at the tip of the lower jaw that resembles a leaf stalk, but it also behaves like a leaf. The leaf fish bends and sways, but rarely moves upright, just as a floating leaf would not and often angle themselves facing downwards, so that it looks like a dead leaf floating in the water. The art of mimicking the movement of a dead leaf in the water, the South American leaf fish becomes almost invisible both to its prey (mostly invertebrates and smaller fish) and larger predators.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Health benefits of Tulsileaves.

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By Kavya J. - Department of Dietetics & Nutrition

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COVID-19 UPDATE - MYSURU

DATES	MAR. 31	APR.1
Day's Positive Cases	142	109
Total Positive Cases	55,810	55,919
Day's Discharges	48	80
Total Discharges	53,997	54,077
Day's Deaths	0	1
Total Deaths	1,054	1,055
Total Active Cases	759	787

NOTE: Figures as per Government Media Bulletin

Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Apr. 2- The **University of Mysore (UoM)** has awarded Ph.D in Political Science to **L. Lingaraju** for his thesis 'Karnatakadalli Parishishta jati mathu Parishishta Pangadagala Sabalikaranadalli Panchayat Raj Samsthegala Patra: Visheshavagi Chamarajanagar Jilla Panchayatige Sambadisidanthe Ondu Adyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M.G. Hanumantharaju.

B. Mangalagowri has been awarded Ph.D in Geography by the UoM for her thesis 'Changing Pattern of Land Use and its Impact on Agriculture: A Case Study of Mysore District' submitted under the guidance of Dr. H. Nagaraj.

Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU), Belagavi, has awarded Ph.D in Computer and Information Sciences to **N. Manju** for his thesis 'Identification and Classification of Internet Traffic Using Machine Learning Approaches' submitted under the guidance of Dr. B.S. Harish.

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1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.27
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VOICE OF THE READER

Provide another bus service to Bank Employees Colony

Sir,

This is a request to KSRTC authorities to provide another bus service to the Bank Employees Colony, off Ring Road, Bogadi, Mysuru.

Presently, there is only one bus route No. 69C coming to this Colony from city and going up to Bapuji Layout .

There are three Layouts in this area and only one route plying, that too irregular and comes only once in an hour.

People who come here for work and do not have their own means of transport find it very inconvenient. There are a few schools too in this locality.

My humble suggestion is to divert either of the bus routes No. 69 or No. 69A, which goes through Rajarajeshwarinagar towards Dattagalli.

If one of these routes are allowed to pass through our Bank Employees Colony, it would be very helpful for the commuters.

— Kala Chary
Bank Employees Colony
Bogadi
22.3.2021

Taking a cab will cost a lot more from now

Bengaluru, Apr. 2 (UNI)- The Karnataka Government yesterday increased the minimum fares for all app-hailed cab services like Uber and Ola running in Bengaluru and rest of the State. With this modification, the minimum fare for a cab ride will now be Rs. 75.

Price caps have been put in place based on the price of the vehicles which often correspond to the types of vehicle — hatchback, sedan and SUV. The aggregators also price their service based on these three variants.

• For vehicle value till Rs. 5 lakh: Minimum fare upto 4 km- Rs. 75, additional fare per km can be between Rs. 18 - Rs. 36.

• For vehicle value Rs. 5 lakh to Rs. 10 lakh: Minimum fare up to 4 km- Rs. 100, additional fare per km between Rs. 21 - Rs. 42.

• For vehicle value Rs. 10 lakh to Rs. 16 lakh: Minimum fare upto 4 km- Rs. 120, additional fare per km can be Rs. 24 - Rs. 48.

• For vehicle value Rs. 16 lakh and more: Minimum fare up to 4 km- Rs. 150, additional fare per km can be Rs. 27 - Rs. 54.

In addition to these fares, some operators usually ask customers to pay GST of 5 percent and a booking or convenience fee.

The decision from the Government comes after protests were held on Wednesday prompted by the death of one 34-year-old airport cab driver K. Prathap Kumar, who succumbed to injuries after he immolated himself at the airport premises on Tuesday.

Prathap was driving a KSTDC airport taxi but drivers like him were suffering as customers were choosing Uber and Ola for their cheaper rates. Meanwhile, app hailed cab drivers were also unhappy with the prices as they were left short changed in the wake of high fuel prices.

In February, fares of non-app hailed cab fares were revised. With that, for non-AC taxis, the rate for first 4 kms will be Rs. 75, after which passengers will be charged Rs. 18 per km. For AC taxis, the rate for the first 4 kms will be Rs. 100, and Rs. 24 for each subsequent km.

Karnataka-Kerala-Goa Tourism Circuit planned

100 Helipads across the State and Seaplane facility mooted

C.P. Yogeeshwar

Bengaluru, Apr. 2 (KMS & BCT)- Talks will be held with Kerala and Goa Governments to form a Tourism Circuit to attract more and more tourists to Karnataka, Goa and Kerala. Memorandums would be signed and modalities would be chalked out in this regard. The Tourism Circuit idea would benefit South Karnataka region including Mysuru and Kodagu as annually maximum number of tourists to Mysuru come from Kerala and even Tamil Nadu.

The decision to form the Tourism Circuit was taken at a high-level meeting of Tourism Department officials at Vidhana Soudha yesterday that was chaired by Minister for Tourism, Environment and Ecology C.P. Yogeeshwar. Top officers of the Department including Tourism Secretary and officers from the Karnataka State Tourism Development Corporation participated in the meeting.

It was decided to create 100 helipads across the State having basic facilities for take-off and landing and to give a final shape for Heliports (Heli Terminal) and helicopter docking and servicing stations in Bengaluru, Mysuru, Mangaluru, Hubballi, Hampi and Kalaburagi.

The Minister asked the officials to coordinate with technicians and people with knowledge of helicopter operations from Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), Bengaluru and other flight firms to prepare an operation and feasibility report on making chopper flying affordable.

It was also decided at the meeting to invite suggestions from stakeholders for tourism promotion, interact with them and understand their needs and work towards achieving them to make Karnataka No.1 tourist destination in India.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, tourism contributed 14.8 percent towards the State's GDP and supported over 16 million jobs. "We intend to make it 20 percent of the GDP as Karnataka has immense potential to become a world-class destination and we have to globally market the State that has UNESCO World Heritage Sites, virgin beaches and resplendent waterfalls, undisturbed wildlife in many Wildlife Sanctuaries and Tiger Reserves," Yogeeshwar told the officers. He directed officials to look into the possibility of introducing seaplane facility like it has been introduced in Gujarat. Seaplanes can connect tourists to various beaches and tourist spots along the beaches. It was decided at the meeting that talks would be held with private players operating such planes to come to Karnataka.

Three-day Osho Meditation camp

Mysuru, Apr. 2- The Friends of Osho in Mysuru have organised a 3-day Osho Residential Meditation camp at Osho Sannidhi, Uttanahalli, Mysuru Taluk from Apr. 8 to 11. In the Camp, Osho's Dynamic, Kundalini, Nadabrahma, Sufi and Vipassana Meditation techniques will be guided. For registration and details contact Maneesha on Mob: 98866-40000.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Theatre training camp

City's theatre group Janamana Samskrutika Sanghatane in Prashanthnagar will conduct a month-long theatre training camp at its premises from tomorrow (Apr. 3). Music University Vice-Chancellor Dr. Nagesh V. Bettakote will inaugurate the camp at 5 pm. APN Properties MD A.P. Nagesh will be the chief guest. Makeup artist B.M. Ramachandra and Camp Director K.R. Sumathi will be the guests of honour. For details call Mob: 94489-71900.

Mega play 'Parva'

After receiving good response for all the shows so far, the 8-hour mega play 'Parva' will now be staged in full at Bhoomigeetha in Rangayana on Apr. 3 and Apr. 4 from 10 am. This would include four 10-minute intervals and half an hour lunch break. Booking for the show on Apr. 4 is already full. Rangayana is planning to stage the 8-hour mega play till May end, on every Saturday and Sunday from 10 am to 7pm. Tickets can be booked in advance at Parva Information Kiosk in Rangayana premises or by logging on to www.rangayana.org

Mass marriage

Mysuru and Chamarajanagar District Veerashaiva Lingayat Mathadhipathigala Goshti, in association with Harave Viraktamutt, will be conducting a free Veerashaiva-Lingayat mass marriage at Harave Virakta Mutt in Chamarajanagar on June 6. Prospective Veerashaiva-Lingayat brides and grooms can register at the Goshti Office located at Jagadguru Dr. Shivarathri Rajendra Circle, Mysuru or at Harave Viraktamutt by May 31 [Mob: 99641-51105].

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Inflow	:	175 cusecs
Outflow	:	460 cusecs

KABINI DAM

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Today	:	2,264.35 feet
Inflow	:	93 cusecs
Outflow	:	725 cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00 feet
Today	:	2,822.64 feet
Inflow	:	17 cusecs
Outflow	:	45 cusecs

City Police intensify Corona awareness campaign

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (KS)- In a bid to create awareness among the public on containing the spread of COVID-19, City Police have intensified their awareness campaigns across the city.

Yesterday, N.R. Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar, along with Inspectors and staff of all Police Stations coming under N.R. Sub-Division, created awareness near Vijayanagar Water Tank, Kalidasa Circle, Hinkal village, Hinkal Bus Stand and Yoganarasimhaswamy Temple.

The Police personnel informed the public about measures to be taken like wearing face mask, maintaining social distancing, frequent washing of hands and taking COVID-19 vaccination to avoid contracting the virus and also to prevent the spread of the disease to others.

Masks distributed

The Police personnel also created awareness in city buses and other KSRTC buses and advised those commuting without wearing face mask besides giving them free masks. More than 1,000 face masks were distributed among the public.

The Cops told the public that they would be fined if they do not follow COVID-19 guidelines. Fines were collected from those who showed negligent attitude by not wearing face mask.

On Mar. 31, Saraswathipuram Police, led by K.R. Sub-Division ACP Poornachandra Tejaswi, conducted awareness programme in Saraswathipuram and surrounding areas by holding COVID-19 awareness rally.

Inspectors and staff of all Police Stations in K.R. Sub-Division, held this programme in association with Kamakshi Hospital. The jatha started near Saraswathi Theatre and culminated at Saraswathipuram Police Station during which the Police personnel distributed pamphlets with safety messages to general public, shopkeepers and others. The citizens were warned that fine will be levied on those who fail to wear mask.

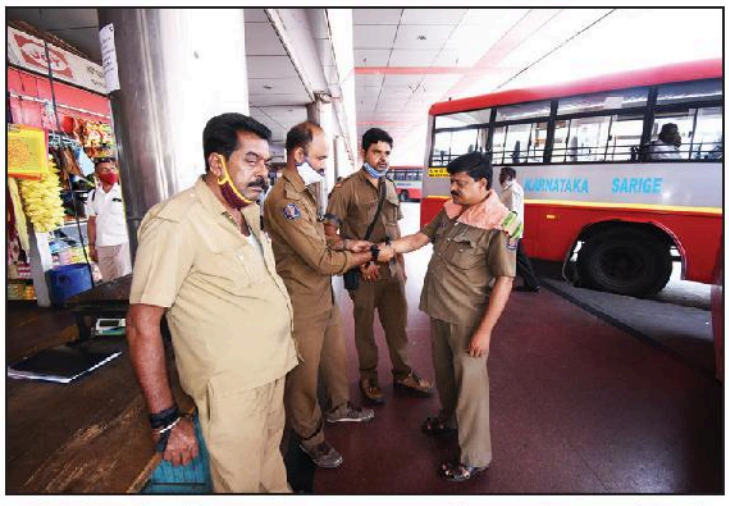
Prelude to indefinite agitation from Apr. 7

KSRTC staff wear black bands, sell coffee, tea, snacks

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (MTY&DM)- The KSRTC staff, who have threatened to launch an indefinite stir from Apr. 7 if all their demands, which chiefly included implementation of the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission, are not met by then, sold coffee, tea, bondas and other snacks at public joints and junctions today on the second day of their week-long protest, in order to draw public attention to their demands.

Yesterday, on the first day of the protest, the KSRTC staff and workers reported for duty at the City and Sub-urban bus stands by wearing black bands, which drew the attention of commuters and other members of the public.

Earlier this week, the KSRTC Staff and Workers Federation had said that the employees would undertake different modes of protest from Apr. 1 to 6 as a prelude to the indefinite strike called from Apr. 7.



Strike from Apr. 7

Meanwhile, KSRTC Employees Federation Hon. President Kodihalli Chandrashekar has reiterated that the staff of all the four State-run Transport Corporations — KSRTC, BMTC, NWKRTC, NEKRTC — will go on a strike from Apr. 7 if all their demands are not met by then.

Addressing a meeting of Mysuru-Chamarajanagar-Mandya Divisions KSRTC employees at Town Hall here recently, Kodihalli Chandrashekar said the Government must meet the 9-point charter of demands, which chiefly included implementation of the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission for KSRTC staff.

Asserting that 1.30 lakh workers of the four RTCs will strike work from Apr. 7, he said that the employees will stage different modes of protest from Apr. 1 to 6 in order to draw the attention of the public and the Government to their demands.

Maintaining that the Government had promised to consider Sixth Pay Commission recommendations when the employees had staged a strike in December last, he said that the strike was then withdrawn as the Government had sought three months time. But as the promise has not been fulfilled, the KSRTC staff have no alternative other than go for an indefinite strike, he contended.

He also asserted that the employees were not to blame for the mounting losses suffered by the Transport Corporations.

Federation office-bearers R. Chandrashekar, Champakavathi, Thippeswamy, Jagadish, Anand, Ganesh, Vishwanath and others were present.

Tigress which had abandoned its cubs, trapped on camera

Forest staff to observe its health condition

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (MTY&KS)- The tigress, which had abandoned its four cubs, out of which three died and one recovering in Mysuru Zoo, has been finally trapped in the camera at four separate spots after 15 days.

The tigress had given birth to three female and one male cub at Nugu Range of Hediyala Sub-Division in Bandipur Tiger Reserve. It had abandoned three cubs and had taken one cub with her. The Forest staff, who noticed the abandoned cubs aged about two months old, found them severely dehydrated and fed them with water during which one died and the other two cubs were shifted to Mysuru Zoo for treatment, where one cub died and the other recovering.

The Forest staff then conducted a combing operation to trace the tigress and her cub and on Mar. 29, the staff found the carcass of the cub in a decomposed state and cremated it after post-mortem was conducted.

To trace the tigress to ascertain its health condition, the Forest staff had installed 70 camera traps at various locations and a team of 50 Forest staff led by Hediyala Sub-Division Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) M.S. Ravikumar, Bandipur Sub-Division ACF Sumithkumar Subashrao Patil, Nugu Range Forest Officer (RFO) Geetha Nayak and Hediyala RFO Manjunath continued with the combing operation.

On Tuesday night, the cameras installed at four separate locations have trapped the photo of the tigress and the photos have been sent to the Tiger Cell to ascertain if the tigress is the same one which had abandoned its cubs.

The tigress has been identified as the same one which had abandoned its cubs through the stripes on its body. The Forest officials have also observed that the tigress had no injuries on its body. The staff, to find out the reason for the tigress to abandon her cubs and also to observe its health condition are now waiting for the tigress to be trapped on camera during daytime and are continuing with the combing operation.

Meanwhile, the male cub, which is recovering at Mysuru Zoo since three days is said to lively and has consumed meat balls, bringing smile on the faces of his caretakers.

ASI dies of heart attack

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (RK&KS)- S.M. Ramesh (58), Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI) attached to Hullahalli Police Station died of heart attack on Wednesday morning. He leaves behind his wife, one son, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

S.M. Ramesh

Last rites were performed at Mirle in K.R. Nagar taluk on Wednesday evening, according to family sources.

Ramesh, who was residing at Anandanagar in city, developed severe chest pain on Wednesday morning and was rushed to a private hospital and was again shifted to another private hospital, where he breathed his last, sources said.

Ramesh was earlier serving in Mysuru Division Forest Mobile Squad and was transferred as an ASI to Hullahalli.

JSS Women's College condoles death

Mysuru, Apr.2- The JSS Women's College at Saraswathipuram in city had organised a condolence meeting yesterday to mourn the demise of **Chandrappa**, who was serving as an Office Assistant at the College.

The College Management and staff lauded the services of Chandrappa. A two-minute silence was observed as a mark of respect to the departed soul.

Obituary

K. Subramaniam

Mysuru, Apr. 2- K. Subramaniam (97), proprietor of R. Krishnaswamy Paper and Stationeries and a resident of V.V. Mohalla, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites will be performed at 4 pm tomorrow at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam.

Malavanda Sharada Chengappa

Malavanda Sharada Chengappa (Pattamada), a resident of Yadavagiri, passed away yesterday in city. She was 92.

She leaves behind one daughter and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Chirashanthidhama in Gokulam this afternoon.

Kalyatanda Shanthi Poovamma

Madikeri: Kalyatanda Shanthi Poovamma (73), wife of K.P. Thammaiah and a resident of Kunjila village in Kakkabe, passed away yesterday at her residence.

She leaves behind her husband, son Saveen Bopaiah, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at her native place yesterday evening.

Ningamma

Hunsur: Ningamma (88), wife of late Halagappa and a resident of Karnakuppe village in the taluk, passed away yesterday afternoon at the village.

She leaves behind six sons including K.H. Rajanna, proprietor of Shiva Feeds, four daughters and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at the family's farm land this afternoon, according to family sources.

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By K.B. Ganapathy

A Noble Man: Remembering Farrokh K. Irani again

Farrokh Khudamurad Irani, Farrokh K. Irani (or F.K. Irani) for we Mysureans, Founder of the famous Ideal Jawa Motorcycle Factory at Yadavagiri, Mysuru, was an iconic Mysurean of his days since 1960. He passed away in October 1985 but happily there are Mysureans who revere his memory. I discovered the proof of this sentiment when Farrokh's grandson (son of Farrokh's eldest son Raian Irani) **Yazad Raian Irani** got the highest number of votes (182 out of 197 valid votes) in the membership election to the Mysore Race Club (MRC) held on 31.3.2021. I was delighted that the MRC members have not forgotten Farrokh's contribution to the very existence, rather the survival, of MRC and voted his grandson with the highest number of votes ever in MRC membership election history.

Though MRC owes its origin to the then King Chamaraja Wadiyar who started it in the year 1891 (130 years old as on 2021), after Independence of our country, the MRC was saved primarily due to the initiative taken by Farrokh Irani, who was in close friendly relationship with the last King of Mysore, Sri Jayachamaraja Wadiyar. It was, therefore, not surprising Farrokh K. Irani was the Chairman and Sr. Steward of MRC continuously for 14 years.

The grateful members indeed remembered his services by voting his grandson overwhelmingly for the membership of MRC that he had nurtured for 14 years and left a racing legacy for this beautiful royal city.

Be that as it may, in the midst of MRC election canvassing, Raian Irani's wife Jyotsna happened to lay her hand on an *Abracadabra* I wrote on 5.10.1978 (eight months after *Star of Mysore* began its publication) about Farrokh Irani and forwarded it to me. Apparently from the family's press clippings about their patriarch Farrokh. Those days no headline was given to this column which was merely known as '*Abracadabra*' and signed by me as PUCK — a Shakespearean character. Since it is quite nostalgic for our readers of those early days, let me reproduce it here.

Farrokh K. Irani

Ashvini Ranjan

Abracadabra

If ever Mysore were to have a Sheriff like in Bombay, I would like to have Mr. Farrokh Irani as the Sheriff of Mysore. I have not met Mr. Irani nor did I have occasion to talk with him. But from what I have seen of him on the stage in innumerable social functions and from what he said on these occasions, I can presume that he will make an excellent Sheriff. I would love to have him as our Mayor, but then you know what.

Mr. Irani carries silver mane on his head, lots of money in his pocket (I mean bank) and plenty of love in his heart. He has a sense of humour in a world where there is very little to smile, though there is much to laugh at. I do not know if he is big enough to take a joke on himself.

I learn sometimes his light hearted humour smacks of malice. I recall how one of his sarcastic statements wrapped in his brand of humour sparked of a controversy in the Rotary Club involving Mr. Ashvini Ranjan, an independent spirited young man. In this case, unfortunately, a rich man's joke did not turn out to be humorous as happens always.

Anyway, with a well-meaning, charitably disposed, gentle person like Mr. Irani these incidents are well taken in good humour. Poor Mr. Irani is a bundle of 'Yes' even when he is slightly disabled with some leg ailment. He appears to be unable to say 'No' to anyone. He must be a great soul. Otherwise there is no reason why he should torture himself attending so many functions with that limp. It is indeed touching how Mr. Irani has endeared himself to the Mysoreans. Many rich men are here. But alas there is only one Irani. — **PUCK**

Since my friend Ashvini Ranjan's name appeared in that *Abracadabra*, I forwarded it to him for his reading pleasure in these leisurely days of COVID-19 !

And here is what he wrote to me:

Dear Gandhi,

Your Abracadabra dated 1978 brought back memories. Surprised that you have retained them even after forty years. Not easy to preserve physical copies.

I recall vividly that evening during a closed door Rotary meeting, when I took objection to the light hearted manner Mr. Irani (Farrokh to all fellow Rotarians) had inducted Mr. Nanaiah, a good friend of mine, as member of Rotary Club. Being a shy natured person, Nanaiah was visibly embarrassed. (He later told me that he wanted to run away from the stage).

My objection was that as per the Rotary manual, an induction ceremony is a solemn one and the member being inducted was required to feel comfortable and welcome by the inducting officer.

As you rightly observed, a rich man's jokes are always funny and there was no dearth for members indebted to Mr. Irani who applauded the joke. My raising objection took Mr. Irani and many of his friends by surprise. It appeared that I had committed sacrilege. My response was drowned in the din that followed.

There are many who are still members of the club and who can recall that event. The man who complimented me on my bold stand was none other than your brother Dr. K.B. Subbaiah. (We sat together during the meetings). I resigned from the club in protest.

It was some six months later, that I received a phone call from Mr. Kaiser, my father's friend, neighbour and the then Municipal Commissioner. He said that Mr. Irani wanted to meet me. I was no doubt immensely surprised. We met at Mr. Kaiser's residence over a drink. He expressed regret for what happened that evening at the Rotary Club and extended his hand in a firm handshake.

It would not have mattered to him even if he had not expressed regret. I was a small fry compared to him. But wanting to meet me, even after a lapse of time, suggests that the incident must have bothered him and tugged his conscience. By that little gesture, Farrokh's stature rose in my esteem. Surely it must have occurred to him that he must be wary of cheer leaders and 'Yea Sayers' of the world.

That incident did not dent our friendship. He was certainly a noble man and Mysore would have benefited immensely had he become its Mayor !

Tailpiece: *My family members and close friends fondly call me Gandhi, my pet name. As we know, it is so with everyone all over the world. Since it was a personal and private communication as a friend, Ashvini has used my pet name. Back in my village, I am known only as Gandhi, son of Bopaiah master. This Ganapathy is nobody for them.*

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We too need a break, demand health staff

(Continued from page 1)

Medical emergency: Senior Health Department officers are convincing the agitated staff to treat the current situation as a medical emergency and work even on public holidays in the wake of huge spike in Corona positive cases in the State.

As there are nearly 1.66 crore people in 45 plus age category, Government wants to ramp up vaccination drive to protect people from the pandemic. The disgruntled workers were making calls to their Department bosses to convey their dissatisfaction over the Government's decision. "We are convincing them to work in public interest as the Government wants save us from the pandemic," a health officer said.

DC's video conference: Meanwhile, Mysuru DC Rohini Sindhuri held a video conference with all District and Taluk officers last evening to convey the Government instructions of vaccinating people above 45 years of age on all days. In view of this, all holidays has been cancelled.

Reviewing the progress, she said that as many as 8 lakh persons have to be vaccinated in the district for which beneficiaries need to be identified. Till recently, they were vaccinating 10,000 persons daily, but now the target has been doubled.

"With sudden increase in COVID positive cases in the district, vaccination needs to be streamlined. For a brief period, vaccination had stopped due to shortage of vials. But the district has enough stock of vaccines now. RT-PCR test must be accelerated and vaccinate as many as people," she added.

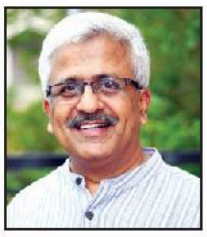
The Deputy Commissioner has appointed senior officers of various branches of Health Department, a Nodal Officers of all Taluks to manage the vaccination drive. Each one must co-ordinate with Taluk Health Officer to increase the number of vaccination.

Tahsildar and Executive Officer must go to every village to visit crowded places to scout for vaccine beneficiaries. Then they must be taken to nearby vaccination booths. The District Administration wants to complete vaccination of 8 lakh beneficiaries by the end of April.

The meeting was attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Dr. B.S. Manjunathaswamy, District Health Officer Dr. T. Amarnath, Mysuru Tahsildar Rakshit, Women and Child Development Deputy Director K. Padma and Dr. L. Ravi, COVID-19 Vaccination Nodal Officer for Government Hospitals who is also Reproductive & Child Health Development Officer.

Dr. R. Balasubramaniam of Mysuru appointed to Union Govt.'s Capacity Building Commission

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (BCT)- The Union Government has appointed office-bearers to the Capacity Building Commission (CBC) that was earlier announced by the Union Cabinet. CBC is a part of National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPCSCB) and it will function under the Department of Personnel and Training.



Dr. Balasubramaniam

Quality Council of India (QCI) Chairman Adil Zainulbhai has been appointed as the CBC Chairman while Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, has been appointed as Member - Human Resources. Former Brihanmumbai Municipal Corporation (BMC) Commissioner Praveen Pardeshi has been made Member - Administration while Hemang Jani as Secretary.

Dr. Balasubramaniam (Balu) is a development activist, social innovator, writer and a leadership trainer. He is a medical doctor by training, with specialisation in public administration from Harvard University. Inspired by the life and teachings of Swami Vivekananda, he founded the Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement that has now grown to be one of India's finest NGOs by making a difference and a positive impact on the lives of the poor and the marginalised.

Balu has already left to New Delhi to meet officials at the Prime Minister's Office. Speaking to *Star of Mysore* over phone during transit, he said that he was elated for the prestigious recognition. "Everything I know, everything I stand for has now been given an opportunity by the Prime Minister. Hopefully, I will be able to do justice," he said. This is a full-time opportunity and Dr. Balasubramaniam will be shifting to New Delhi.

The National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building has been designed to lay the foundations for capacity building for Civil Servants. Some of the core guiding principles of the programme will be to support transition from 'rules based' to 'roles based' HR management, aligning work allocation of civil servants by matching their competencies to the requirements of the post.

Police Flag Day: Saluting brave cops for selfless service

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (RK&DM)- Stating that the Police should act as a bridge between society and the people and not come in the way as a wall, Retired DIG P. Rajendra Prasad stressed on people-friendly Policing with community participation.

He was speaking as the guest of honour at the Police Flag Day programme organised by the City and District Police at CAR grounds here this morning.

Pointing out that Police Flag Day is the day when we honour and salute brave Policemen for their selfless service, courage, valour and dedication, Rajendra Prasad said that it is important to pay tributes to the unwavering dedication to duty of our Police.

Noting that the Police Flag Day is also called as Police Welfare Day, he said that senior Police officers should act as facilitators for maintenance of health of their subordinates and other Police staff. Emphasising on the need for the Police to maintain continuous health, physical fitness and mental strength, he said that Police, who work round the clock tirelessly, should not neglect their health.

Observing that initiatives such as 'Operation Sunset' and 'Namma Mane' Police have largely helped in bringing Police closer to the public, the former DIG contended that it is a matter of pride and privilege for anyone to serve in the Police department.

Lauding the Police Flag Day celebration in Mysuru, which has been organised jointly by 12 Police Units of the City and District (City Police, District Police, Mounted Police, KPA, KSRP, PTS, ACB, DCRE, CESC Vigilance, ISD, State Intelligence and Lokayukta), Rajendra Prasad said that this was perhaps the largest Police Flag Day celebration in the State after Bengaluru.

Earlier, Rajendra Prasad received the Guard of Honour by various Units of the Police force, with Police personnel taking out an attractive March Past.

The former DIG also released the Police Flag on the occasion.

A total of 12 retired Police officers and staff namely — Manchappa, Kalegowda, Basappa, S. Sundarappa, R. Lingaiah, K. Subramani, H.S. Prabhakar, N. Nagaprakash, M.N. Lingannaiah, Lourdanathan, S.M. Seshadri and M.P. Suresh were felicitated on the occasion.

IGP (Southern Range) Praveen Madhukar Pawar, KPA Director Vipul Kumar, Assistant Director Suman D. Pennekar, PTS, Mysuru Principal Dharanidevi Malagatti, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, DCPs Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Geetha Prasanna and Shivaraj and other Police officers were present

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'Haavina Park' transforms into city's first 'Radio Park'

By Mohan Kayaka

Mysuru, Apr. 2- Colourful musical fountain, rows of trees, paved walking path and soothing music for ears. What more do you want to spend some time amidst nature?

This has been created as Mysuru's first 'Radio Park' situated between 3rd and 4th Cross of 4th Main Road, Vidyaranyapuram. Being a first 'Radio Park' of city, it has become a favourite joint for local residents to spend some time in the morning and evening.

It will be formally inaugurated soon. Six main attractions of this park, which is locally known as 'Haavina (Snake) Park,' has been playing items for kids, colourful musical fountain, water cascading out of Shiva's statue, open gymnasium and a place to chat. On top of it, solar lighting at a cost of Rs. 15 lakh, timer, CCTV camera, illumination beaming flags of India & State and good sound system (speakers at all the six poles).

Songs are played in radio from 6 am to 8.30 am and again from 5.30 pm to 8.30 pm daily. Apart from this, programmes of All India Radio and Private FM Channels are also played. Information pertaining to health is played on radio through pen drive. On Saturdays and Sundays, there will be 'musical evening' to attract local residents.

The whole area looks green with variety of trees. Two workers are appointed exclusively to keep the whole park neat and clean. The waste generated both inside and outside was cleaned two times a day. This park is being developed continuously for the last 10 years. Though it is a very small park, many people come every day. At least 100-150 two-wheelers are parked on both sides of the park. However, the number of people coming to park has reduced considerably due to COVID-19 scare.

The musical fountain is operated two days in a week and it is really a feast for the eyes. Listening to music as we walk amidst greenery gives a soothing effect to heart, said Subramanya, a local resident ▪

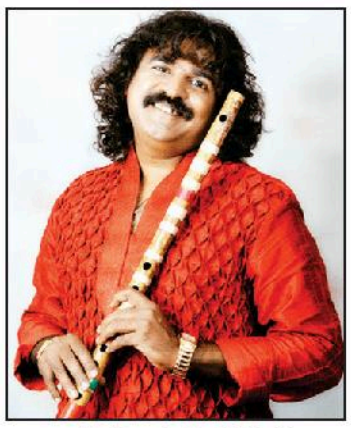
"People's encouragement and co-operation enthused me to take up such developmental works in my Ward. I have been elected for the third consecutive time. This park has become a favourite spot for people of all ages. Wanting to do something unique, I planned to develop this 'Snake Park' as 'Radio Park.' Residents are very much happy with this park. Apart from playing music, pre-recorded messages on health and COVID-19 precautions, will also be broadcast'.

—M.V. Ramprasad,
Corporator, Ward No. 55

Jugalbandi by Dr. Mysore Manjunath and Pt. Pravin Godkhindi on Apr. 4

Charity event in aid of Nrupatunga Kannada Medium School

Dr. Mysore Manjunath



Pt. Pravin Godkhindi

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (PM&SD)- As part of its fund-raising effort, Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe, which runs Nrupatunga Kannada School in city, has organised a Jugalbandi by violin maestro Dr. Mysore Manjunath and flautist Pt. Pravin Godkhindi at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar on Apr. 4 at 6 pm. For the cause, the duo are performing for free.

Announcing this at a press meet at Nrupatunga PU College premises on Wednesday, Samsthe Secretary Prof. H.G. Krishnappa said, "Mahatma Gandhi was one of the greatest proponents of 'mother tongue' as a compulsory medium of instruction, at least during primary education. Kannada Vikasa Shaikshanika Samajika Samskrutika Samsthe two years ago had set up Kannada medium PU College in Mysuru which is only one of its kind in the State. At that time, former CM Siddharamaiah had sanctioned Rs. 1 crore to the school. At present, over 400 students are pursuing their studies in Kannada medium in our institute, from LKG to PU level. In addition, we have established RamaGovinda Rangamandira, which is well-equipped with all needed facilities, to promote cultural activities. Unfortunately, parents who are financially strong enough are hesitating to admit their children to Kannada medium. Instead, only Kannada-loving families with poor financial background have come forward to admit their children here."

"Hence, as part of its fund-raising campaign, Nrupatunga Kannada School has organised a musical programme named 'Nadasourabha' by Pt. Pravin Godkhindi and Dr. Mysore Manjunath. I would appeal to everyone including music lovers as well as Kannada enthusiasts to buy this event passes and support the purpose. Cost of each pass is Rs. 1,000. I would also request donors to come forward and donate generously for this noble cause," he said.

Hindustani vocalist Pt. Indudhar Nirody will be the chief guest. Former CM Siddharamaiah will preside. President of Ramabai Charitable Foundation M. Jagannath Shenoi, theatre artiste Jayaram Patil and Sapna of Avon Foundation will be the guests.

For details, contact Mob: 94499-42734.

Activist opposes proposed merger of Classical Kannada Studies Centre with CIIL

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (PM&DM)- Activist P. Mallesh has strongly opposed the new push for merging the Centre of Excellence for Studies in Classical Kannada (CESCK) with Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) after it (CIIL) is converted into an Indian Languages University.

Speaking to press persons at Nrupatunga PU College at Ramakrishnanagar here on Wednesday, Mallesh said that the Committee formed to chart out the modalities for the proposed Indian Languages University recently held a meeting in Mysuru, during which members of Kannada Kriya Samiti had met the Committee Chairman Gopalswamy.

The Chairman had then said there was no proposal of CESCK's merger with the CIIL, which is going to be converted into a University. But now rumours are doing the rounds that CESCK will be merged with the proposed University, Mallesh said.

Maintaining that the Kannada Kriya Samiti was not opposed to the setting up of Indian Languages University in Mysuru, he asserted that Kannadigas want to see CESCK grow only as an autonomous body.

Referring to Nrupatunga Kannada Medium School, Mallesh said that it was the only private institution in the State which is offering PUC Science stream in Kannada medium.

Urging the Government to give Rs. 5,000 per month to every student studying in Nrupatunga School, he said that such an incentive will give a major thrust for imparting Science education in Kannada medium.

COVID shadow: Restricted entry to city Churches on Good Friday, Easter Sunday

The gates of St. Philomena's Church closed following restricted entry to devotees.

Mysuru, Apr. 2 (RKB&KS)- Christian brethren today observed Good Friday, the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, with religious fervour in city. The day is hailed as a symbol of devotion, love and sacrifice.

Following increase in COVID-19 positive cases day-by-day in the district and the District Administration imposing COVID-19 guidelines, putting a break to huge gatherings in a single place, all Churches in city have limited the number of devotees inside the Church.

Today, Good Friday special prayers commenced at St. Philomena's Church. At 7 am, Stations of the Cross in English language was held, prayers in Konkani was held from 12 noon to 1 pm, from 3 pm to 4.30 pm and Stations of the Cross in Kannada was held. Liturgical Service of Good Friday by Bishop Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William was held at 5 pm, followed by the same service in Tamil language.

Rev. Fr. Staney D'Almeda, Parish Priest of St. Joseph's Cathedral in St. Philomena's Church said that every year, except last year (2020), more than 4,000 devotees used to congregate in the Church premises.

Bishop of Mysuru Most Rev. Dr. K.A. William seen washing the feet of a devotee as part of Maundy Thursday ritual.

But this year, following COVID guidelines to be mandatorily followed, there will be no open prayers at the Church and prayer is limited only inside the Church. Though the Church has a seating capacity of 800, only 200 devotees would be allowed inside the Church. There would be Police security at the entrance of the Church, he added.

Meanwhile, Good Friday service at St. Bartholomew's Church, city's oldest Church, was held from 12 noon to 3 pm. Here too the size of the congregation was scaled down and the prayer service was streamed live for the devotees to pray from their houses.

Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday Mass

Tomorrow being Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil Mass will be held from 10.30 pm onwards at St. Philomena's Church.

Easter Sunday Mass will be as on every Sundays, except 9 am mass. English and Tamil Mass in the morning will be presided by the Bishop and after 6 pm Mass, a procession of Resurrected Jesus will be taken around the Church.

Thermal scanning, maintaining social distancing, sanitising of hands and wearing face masks are mandatory for all those attending the prayers.

World Autism Day today

AIISH launches month-long awareness programmes

Mysuru, Apr.2 (MK&DM)- Marking World Autism Day today, the city's All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) will be conducting a month-long awareness programmes starting from Apr.2.

AIISH's Speech Language therapist Dr. Jayashree C. Shanbal said that speech difficulty among children even after five years of birth, loneliness, slow learning are early symptoms of Autism. Noting that the number of children suffering from Autism is increasing over the years, she said that Autism is a complex mental problem that stunts the growth of children.

Stating that parents must keenly observe under-normal behaviour among their children, she said that early detection and treatment holds key for treating Autism among children.

AIISH Director Dr. M. Pushpavathi said that awareness on Autism was created among 4,500 people through online and Radio during 'Thingala Arivu' programme held on the first day of the month-long programme yesterday.

AIISH has been illuminated with Blue Lights to create awareness among general public on Autism, she added.

She further said that all the staff and faculty will wear blue dress and tie blue ribbon during the awareness programmes.

For more details, watch Facebook Live (AIISH MYSURU)- www.AIISHMYSORE.in.

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Date: 01.04.2021 **Director**

WORD OF THE DAY

Brabble

Pronunciation: brab-uhl.
Meaning: Argue stubbornly about trifles; wrangle.

Origin: Brabble is an uncommon verb and noun meaning "to quarrel over trifles; a noisy quarrel." Its etymology is obscure, but most authorities think brabble comes from the Middle Dutch verb brabbelen "to quarrel, stammer, babble" (there is no connection between babble and brabble). One relatively early citation of brabble in the sense "to quarrel over trifles" dates from the first half of the 16th century: It reads "And then they brable with us about the translation," a quotation from John Field, originally an Anglican clergyman, later a radical Puritan clergyman. Brabbling over a translation may seem nowadays like a petty academic quarrel, but Field was talking about John Calvin's sermons, which were explosive at that time and could result in one's painful death as a heretic. Brabble entered English in the first half of the 16th century.
Example: They seldom meet upon the Exchange, or in the streets, but they brabble and quarrel: so that, if that society be not dissolved the sooner, or cast in a new mould, worse effects may follow than the whole business is worth. — John Chamberlain, Esq., To Sir Dudley Carleton, July 26, 1623, In The Court And Times Of James The First, Vol. 2, 1848.

THE ODD WORD

Baisemain
Kiss on the hand.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Burst your bubble

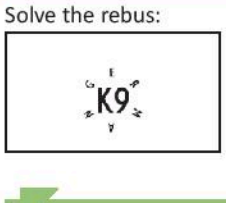
Meaning: The phrase 'burst your bubble' means to give information to someone that will probably disappoint them. Basically, they receive bad news and it ruins their happy moment, or it destroys their expectations.
Origin: Where does the saying 'burst your bubble' come from? Well, sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but the origin of this phrase is unknown. However, there is a theory for how it might have originated. But first, let's talk about how old this expression is: The earliest appearance of this phrase in print (with its figurative meaning) is at the end of the 1860s. For example, in the year 1869, it is written in the Anglo American Times newspaper:
"They actually strove to fasten on the President, and the very Treasury which had designedly burst their bubble, complicity with the design, and so openly, boldly, and circumstantially was this done, that some people were for a moment staggered by the attack on the Executive."

QUOTE BOX

Enthusiasm just creates bubbles; it doesn't keep them from popping.
— Adora Svitak

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:



Answer: Dog in a manger

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 "Fernando" group
5 ___ into : corroded ?
8 Festive occasion
12 ___ with : trifles with ?
13 Mr. Anand of Bollywood
14 Consumer or employer
15 Soft lambskin leather
16 ___ Arun : playback singer ?
17 Bit of news
18 Pray for us - ___ pro nobis ?
19 Steadiness
21 Old French coin
23 Decay
24 Dutch city
28 U-turn from NNW
31 Plan detail
32 Water in France
33 Greek letters - "seat" changed ?
34 Thinker of great thoughts hopefully, abbr. (2,1)
35 Large computer
37 High speed diesel, in short
38 Any doctrine
39 As __ __ __ __ : as crafty as can be ? (3,2,1,3)
44 Wield
47 Needy
48 Powerful snake
49 Golfer Ballesteros
50 Terminates or cancels
51 Boy's name,in short
52 Frigga's husband
53 Yes
54 Superlative suffix
55 Hawaiian garlands ?

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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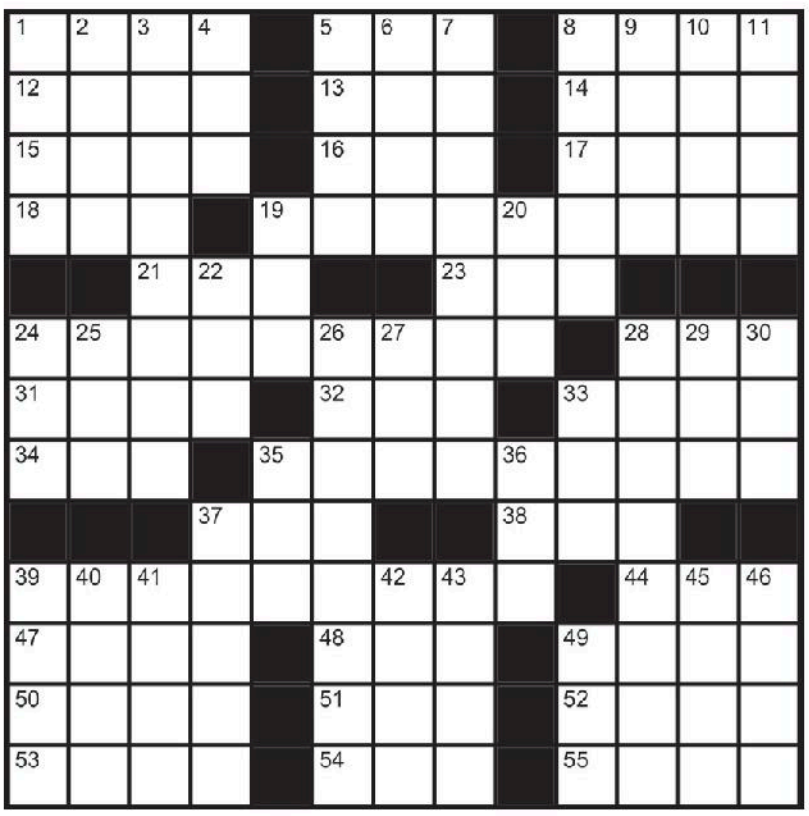
DOWN
1 __ __ cost : free ? (2,2)
2 Male swine
3 Took a detour
4 As loud ___ thunder ? (2,1)
5 Mine entrance
6 Weblike membrane
7 Adolph Hitler's paramour (3,5)
8 Culpability
9 A sparkling white wine
10 English court
11 Battle group
19 Prosecute at law
20 Isle of Man, initially
22 Over the counter, acronym
24 Dangerous snake
25 Master of public health, acronym ?
26 Legible
27 Death from accidental injuries, abbr.
28 Frenzied rush
29 U.S. Govt. Uncle ___
30 Suffix with "Journal" or "legal"
33 Conversational stopgaps
35 Short for 'manuscripts'
36 Mend
37 Severe
39 Scottish river
40 Solitary; without companions
41 Skywalker mentor
42 Enemies
43 Kiln
45 Roman 57
46 Hankers after
49 The sun



SUDOKO

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Answer to previous puzzle

1	9	2	4	5	3	6	7	8
3	8	7	2	6	9	4	5	1
4	5	6	7	8	1	3	9	2
5	2	4	8	1	7	9	6	3
8	6	3	9	4	5	2	1	7
9	7	1	6	3	2	8	4	5
2	3	5	1	9	6	7	8	4
7	4	9	5	2	8	1	3	6
6	1	8	3	7	4	5	2	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

EOYOK JKOWOEC WF B RFYO ZVXHV PFQ CF EFW

BHWQBRRP GOOR, GFK RFYO XL EFW FQKL WF HFSSBEC.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS U

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible.

NOW SHOWING - MOVIES

Movie	Theatre	Phone	Shows
Yuvarathnaa (K)	Mahadeshwara	9986022634	4 Shows
	Woodlands	2422871	4 Shows
Roberrt (K)	Gayathri	2443568	4 Shows
	Saraswathi	2541451	4 Shows
Pogaru (K)	Prabha	2423569	4 Shows
Roohi (H)	Balaji Deluxe	2497199	4 Shows
Wild Dog (Te)	Lakshmi	2443584	4 Shows
	Sangam	2520494	4 Shows
Gajendrudu (Te)	Thibbadevi	2452958	4 Shows
Rang De (Te)	Padma	2521923	4 Shows
Chakra (Ta)	Uma	2520009	4 Shows
Sulthan (Ta)	Rajkamal	2423554	4 Shows

DRC CINEMAS — Ph: 4240422, 4241800

Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-1)	11.05 am, 7.35 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	1.25 pm, 4.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	6.50 pm
	(S-4)	10.15 am, 6.50 pm
Legacy of Lies (E)	(S-2)	11.10 am
Roberrt (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm
Flight (H)	(S-2)	4.30 pm
Biriyaani (Ma)	(S-2)	9.55 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.20 am, 4 pm
	(S-4)	9.55 pm
Nomadland (E)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-3)	1.25 pm; (S-4) 4.05 pm

INOX LIVE THE MOVIE — Ph: 2533444 / 2533456

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11 am, 2.30 pm
		6.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	9.50 am, 1.30 pm
		5.15 pm, 9 pm
	(S-4)	3.30 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-4)	10 am, 12.45 pm, 7 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-3)	5.45 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 2 pm, 9.30 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-4)	9.45 pm

MYSURU VISION CINEMAS — Ph: 0821 - 2973519

Yuvarathnaa (K)	(S-1)	11.45 am
	(S-2)	10.30 am, 1.45 pm
		4.45 pm, 8 pm
	(S-3)	6.45 pm, 9.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	(S-1)	3.00 pm
	(S-4)	7.45 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	(S-1)	6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
	(S-2)	1.20 pm
	(S-4)	4.45 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	(S-3)	11 am, 4.20 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	(S-4)	11 am, 1.45 pm

PVR

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Yuvarathnaa (K)	:	9.10 am, 10.30 am, 11 am, 11.30 am 2 pm, 2.30 pm, 3 pm, 5.30 pm, 6 pm 6.30 pm, 9 pm, 9.30 pm, 10 pm
Roberrt (K)	:	2.45 pm
Koi Jaane Na (H)	:	12.30 pm
Godzilla Vs Kong (E)	:	10 am, 1 pm, 4 pm, 7 pm
Anugraheethan Antony (Ma)	:	9.50 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	:	11.20 am, 6.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	:	3.40 pm, 10 pm
Nomadland (E)	:	6.40 pm

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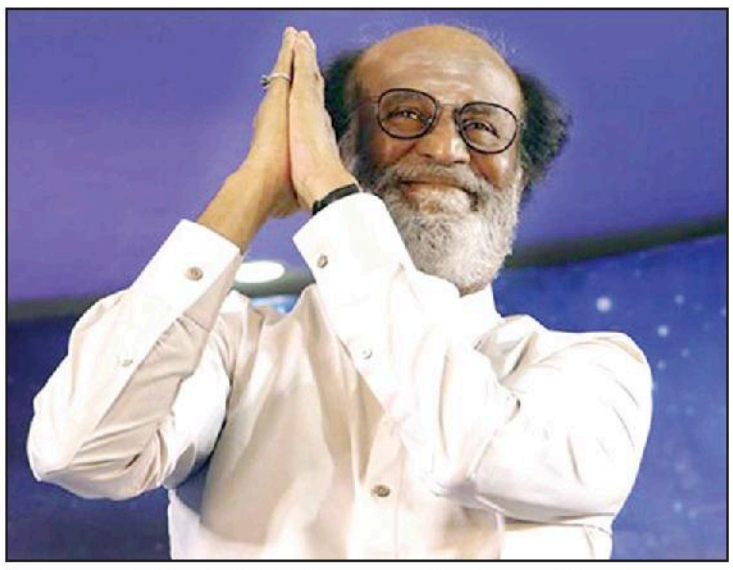
Yuvarathnaa (K)	:	10.45 am, 11.30 am, 2.15 pm, 3 pm, 3.15 pm 5.45 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.15 pm, 9.45 pm, 10 pm
Sulthan (Ta)	:	3.25 pm, 9.50 pm
Wild Dog (Te)	:	6.50 pm
Godzilla Vs. Kong (E)	:	12.25 pm, 6.45 pm
Roberrt (K)	:	11.35 am

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here.

'I dedicate this award to my fans across the world'

Rajinikanth honoured with Dadasaheb Phalke Award



New Delhi, Apr. 2 (UNI)- Tamil Superstar Rajinikanth has been honoured with the 51st Dadasaheb Phalke Award. The Award jury comprised Asha Bhonsle, Mohanlal, Subhash Ghai, Biswajeet Chatterjee and Shankar Mahadevan.

The Superstar took to Twitter to share a long note in Tamil, expressing his profound gratitude at the honour. Rajinikanth wrote, "I wholeheartedly thank the Central Government and Prime Minister Narendra Modi for conferring me Dadasaheb Phalke Award, the highest award in the Indian Film Industry. I thank my bus driver and friend Raj Bahadur who discovered my acting talent and encouraged me, my brother Sathyanarayana Rao Gaekwad who sacrificed a lot while we were struggling in poverty to make me an actor, my guru K. Balachander for creating 'the Rajinikanth.' I also thank my directors, producers, distributors, technicians, theatre owners, media, and Tamil people who have given me life. I dedicate this award to my fans across around the world. I thank Chief Minister Edappadi K. Palaniswami, Deputy Chief Minister O. Pannerselvam, opposition leader and my friend M.K. Stalin, my friend Kamal Haasan, other State and Central leaders, industry friends, and my well-wishers. Long Live Tamils, May Tamil Nadu prosper, Jai Hind!"

Rajinikanth, born as Shivaji Rao Gaekwad on Dec. 12, 1950, to Ramoji Rao and Jijabai, worked as a bus conductor in Bengaluru before embarking on his film journey. During his school days, Rajinikanth was so interested in acting that he took part in plays and then signed up for an acting course at Madras Film Institute.

Rajinikanth had made his debut but in the film industry with the 1975 K. Balachander movie 'Apoorva Raagangal'. Post this, he was primarily seen essaying 'negative' roles in films. Many films followed, but it was the 1995 release 'Baashha', wherein Rajini played a crime leader, that catapulted him further into the path of super stardom. A little more than a decade later, the artiste set a new benchmark in Indian cinema with his 2007 movie 'Sivaji', which was the third Indian movie to join the 'Rs. 100-Crore Club' at the time.

In his illustrious career, Rajinikanth has won four Tamil Nadu State Film awards. He was awarded the prestigious *Padma Bhushan* in 2000, and was conferred with the *Padma Vibhushan* in 2016. Besides this, Rajinikanth was given the Centenary Award for Indian Film Personality of the Year at the 45th edition of International Film Festival held in Goa.

Apart from being an actor, Rajinikanth is also a producer and a screenwriter. In Dec. 2017, Rajinikanth had announced his decision to contest in the 2021 Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly elections. Superstar Rajinikanth was last seen in 2020's 'Darbar'. He is currently filming his next 'Annaatthe.'

EVENTS TODAY (APRIL 2)

- **Indus Nepal Rudraksha Organisation, Hyderabad:** Exhibition-cum-sale of various types of Rudraksha, Hotel Crystal Park Inn, Nazarbad Main Road, **up to 9 pm.**
- **Sahara Arts and Crafts Shopping Festival:** Handicraft and Handloom Expo-cum-Sale, JSS Ground, next to Doddakere Maidan, opp. Dasara Exhibition Grounds, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Ganabharathi:** Karnatak Music Concert by **Vid. Kunnakudi Balamuralikrishna (Chennai)**, accompanied by violinist Vidu. Akkarai Shubhalakshmi on violin, Vid. K.U. Jayachandra Rao on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on the ghata, Ganabharathi, Kuvempunagar, **6 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (APRIL 3)

- **Sri Sharada Gaana Kala Mandira:** 18th Anniversary, Dr. Vasundhara Doraswamy, Director, VPAC, Mysuru, inaugurates, Sri Sharada Gaana Kala Mandira Founder B.V. Vasanthalakshmi presides, Vid. R.S. Nandakumar, Karnatak Music, Vid. R.K. Padmanabha, Veena, Vid. H.P. Upadhyay, Flute, Vid. C.S. Nagaratnamma, Violin, Vid. V.S. Ramesh, Mridanga, Vid. Dr. H.K. Sheela Sridhar, Bharatanatyam and T.S. Venkataram Kashyap, Journalist, guests of honour, Ganabharathi (Veene Seshanna Bhavana), Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **9.15 am.**
- **Rangayana, Mysuru:** Staging of Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa's mega play 'Parva' (Directed by Prakash Belavadi; Duration: 8 hours), Bhoomigeeta, Rangayana premises, **10 am.**
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- **Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri and Odanadi Seva Samsthe, Mysuru:** Book release — 'Nonda Mahileyara Dhwaniyagi Ambedkar' and Stanley Parashu's 'Odanadia Odalala' — by retd. Justice H.N. Nagamohan Das, MP V. Sreenivasa Prasad inaugurates, Mysore University VC Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar presides, Mysore University retd. Professor R. Indira speaks about the book, Mysore University Registrar Prof. R. Shivappa, International actor K.T. Shivaprasad and Abhiruchi Ganesh of Abhiruchi Prakashana, Mysuru, chief guests, Vishwajnani auditorium, Manasagangothri, **11 am.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni' - Story telling by Anitha, Head Mistress, Kaadanahalli Govt. HP School, Jayapura hobli, Mysuru taluk, Kalasuruchi's YouTube channel [https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCSYkI-Bxn_t2EidNOKCqggg], Suruchi Rangamane, 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm. [Mob: 92435-81097 or 99459-43115]**
- **Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha:** M.H. Raja Rao Memorial Concert - Dr. M.A. Madhuvanti Vighnaraja will present a Karnatak vocal concert. She will be accompanied by Krithik Kaushik on violin and Mysore L. Vadiraj on mridanga and S. Manjunath on ghata, Sabha premises, JLB Road, **6 pm.**
- **Antharanga:** Staging of humorous family play 'Husband - 360' in Kannada [Written by Nagaveni Rangan and directed by Archana Shyam & Vijay Jois], RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm.** [Mob: 98809-14509 or 94802-73299]

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